







Office of Public Instruction

Educator Licensure Program

The Education Licensure Program ensures educators meet all state certification requirements to provide quality education for Montana's 145,416 school children. The State Superintendent is responsible for issuing all teacher, administrator, and education specialist licenses in Montana. OPI Legal Counsel administers the Education Licensure Program. The program functions include:

-  **Issues and renews nearly 6,000 educator licenses each year**
-  **Maintains an online renewal system utilized by 1,174 teachers to renew their licenses in 2006**
-  **Maintains an information database of 24,807 licensed Montana educators to ensure current and accurate educator information availability**
-  **Responds annually to over 10,000 telephone calls, 10,000 e-mail requests, 12,000 letter requests, and 250 office visits regarding educator licensure**
-  **Provides information to the public and news media regarding educator licensure trends**
-  **Updates the OPI web site on the current certification status of all licensed Montana educators**
-  **Approves providers of professional development and individual activities for license renewal**



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